

House Resolution No. 4337

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Gertie Chatman of Louisiana, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on September 20, 2008; and

Whereas, on September 17, 1908, God brought a special gift to George and Maggie Elder with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gertie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Gertie Chatman had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of four brothers and three sisters, attending school in New Hartford, riding in her first automobile at the age of eighteen, being married to Johnnie Chatman, now deceased, and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, Gertie Chatman has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Mary Chatman, Roger and Joyce Chatman, Sam and Georgie Chatman, John Lee Chatman, Della Chatman, Howard Chatman, the late Raymond and Janie Chatman, and the late Frank and Doris Chatman; twenty-four grandchildren; fifty-nine great-grandchildren; and thirty-seven great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Gertie Chatman further distinguished herself by working numerous odd jobs throughout the years, helping on the family farm, and attending various churches of the Christian faith; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Gertie Chatman is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Gertie Chatman at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Gertie Chatman, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4337, adopted October 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker